

ACF-ACYF-CB FY12 – ABSTRACTS

Target Population: FHM/SCH targets families identified by CPS who are at imminent risk of having children placed in out-of-home care (present danger is identified), or who have a child in out of home care as a result of parent/caregiver substance abuse. Ongoing/enhanced collaboration efforts will target local and state-level CPS, AOD, public assistance, and housing agencies working with families involved with CPS due to parental substance abuse. **Fiscal Year: 2012**

Two Year Extension Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Wellbeing of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse (HHS-2012-ACF-ACYF-CU-0550)

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: \$ 500,000

Program Name: Family Housing Matters Program

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: In 2007, based on similar information, The Center's Regional Partnership Grants (RPG), allowed for implementation of a supervised/supported housing program (Second Chance Homes - SCH) for substance abusing parents and their children. Between 2008 & 2012, SCH provided long-term transitional housing and a continuum of in-home support services to sixty-four (64) families (68 adults & 124 children).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: The Center will build on the knowledge gained and lessons learned during the original 5 year RPG by implementing program enhancements that move the initial project collaboration to a more wide-spread system model. The funds will be used to:

- 1) add a licensed addiction counselor (LAC) directly at Child Protective Services (CPS) (providing more intensive collaboration of CPS/AOD services);
 - 2) target efforts to combine and re-purpose state level fiscal resources to sustain supported housing; and
 - 3) target a partnership with Housing Authority to ensure independent housing availability.
- Based on lessons learned in the initial RPG, the Center is proposing a data-driven modification to transitional housing services, providing earlier placement and shorter lengths of stay in transitional housing, and greater emphasis on community-based, in-home supports/safety planning; and increased resources dedicated to evaluation activities."

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